

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0119] as follows:

A modification of the configuration in Figures 19 and 20, is shown in Figures 21 through 24, where the nucleus 130 is positioned in a slot or trough 142 formed in the upper surface of the lower end plate 138. As shown in Figure 21, the undersurface of the upper end plate 136 is contoured to match the nucleus. Alternatively, as shown in Figure 24, the undersurface of the end plate 136 can be flat and engage a flattened upper surface ~~144~~ 146 of the nucleus 130.